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(Photo Credit: AP Images) Secretary Clinton meets with members of the media.

## Secretary Clinton's Response to the Release of Confidential Documents

**WASHINGTON, DC, Nov. 29** – Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton met with members of the media to discuss the reports of classified documents that were illegally obtained from United States Government computers. She strongly condemned the illegal disclosure of classified information, noting that such a release “puts people’s lives in danger, threatens our national security, and undermines our efforts to work with other countries to solve shared problems.” Secretary Clinton described the illegal disclosure as an attack on the international community, however, she subsequently reaffirmed that the global “partnerships the Obama Administration has worked so hard to build will withstand this challenge.” [Full Text](#) | [White House Fact Sheet](#) | [Foreign Press Center Briefing](#)

# International

## Secretary Clinton Meets With Japanese Foreign Minister and South Korean Foreign Minister



(Photo Credit: Department of State) U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton holds a joint press availability with Japanese Foreign Affairs Minister Seiji Maehara and Republic of Korea Foreign Affairs and Trade Minister Kim.

**WASHINGTON, DC, Dec. 6** – Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton met with Japanese Foreign Minister Seiji Maehara and with South Korean Foreign Minister Kim Sung-hwan to discuss their shared commitment to advancing regional peace, prosperity, and stability in Asia. Secretary Clinton said ‘these discussions illustrate the importance of the deep bilateral relationships that the United States has with Japan and South Korea, as well as the value of the partnership between Japan and South Korea.’ [Full Text](#) | [Video](#) | [Statement on North Korea](#)

## Assistant Secretary Fernandez Discusses Recent Travel to Algeria, Libya, Morocco, and Tunisia, and the North Africa Partnership for Economic Opportunity (NAPEO)

**WASHINGTON, DC, Dec. 9** – Assistant Secretary of State for Economic, Energy and Business Affairs Jose Fernandez briefed members of the media on his recent travel to North Africa and the newly established North Africa Partnership for Economic Opportunity (NAPEO). Assistant Secretary Fernandez said ‘NAPEO is really the outgrowth of the new beginning laid out by President Obama in his Cairo speech in 2009, and builds on past partnership efforts that we’ve had in the Maghreb region. The basic framework of NAPEO is to strengthen dialogue, understanding, and deeper cooperation between Muslim majority countries and the United States.’ [Full Text](#) | [Fact sheet](#)

## Deputy Secretary Steinberg Discusses U.S.-China Relations



(Photo credit: AP Images) Deputy Secretary Steinberg gives remarks in a file photo from October 7, 2010.

**WASHINGTON, DC, Dec. 7** – Deputy Secretary of State James B. Steinberg gave remarks at the Center for American Progress on the U.S.-China relationship in advance of his upcoming trip to the region (December 14-17). He outlined the historical framework within which the U.S.-China relationship has evolved, noting that the United States Government “welcome[s] the rise of a successful, strong and prosperous China that plays a greater role in global affairs.” Deputy Secretary Steinberg outlined the common interests of the two countries, further noting, “it’s in the interest of both the United States and China as well as our responsibility to the rest of the international community to work together to achieve solutions to the most vexing global problems. And with each step that we take to promote practical cooperation in support of our common interests, we build a foundation and expectation that we can achieve even more in the future.”

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# Inside the Beltway

## Secretary Clinton gives Remarks at the Kennedy Center Honors Dinner

**WASHINGTON, DC, Dec. 4** – Secretary Clinton spoke at the 33rd Annual Kennedy Center Honors Dinner, held at the Department of State. Recipients this year of the Kennedy Center Honors are Merle Haggard, Jerry Herman, Bill T. Jones, Paul McCartney and Oprah Winfrey. “It is, for us, a wonderful way to celebrate the arts by having those of us in government and politics and business come together and say to the American artistic community how much we value you and how greatly you enrich our country, and how you are really our best exports,” Secretary Clinton said. [Full Text](#) | [Photos](#)



(Photo credit: AP Images) Secretary Clinton, left, talks with 2010 Kennedy Center honorees Jerry Herman, Merle Haggard, Bill T. Jones, and Paul McCartney while waiting for Oprah Winfrey to arrive for a group photo after the Kennedy Honors Dinner.

## Special Advisor Judith Heumann hosts events in recognition of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities

**WASHINGTON, DC, Dec. 3** –Special Advisor for International Disability Rights Judith Heumann hosted events at the Department of State in recognition of the United Nations International Day of Persons with Disabilities. These events addressed the critical issues of HIV/AIDS and disability, violence against women and girls with disabilities, and the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. [More](#) | [Statement by Secretary Clinton](#) | [Statement by Ambassador Rice](#) | [Video](#)

# Global Issues Affecting the Nation

## World AIDS Day: U.S. Reports Encouraging Progress



(Photo Credit: White House) A red ribbon is displayed on the North Portico of the White House, Nov. 30, 2010, in advance of World AIDS Day.

**WASHINGTON, DC, Dec. 1** – Obama Administration officials and leaders in the AIDS community spoke at a White House World AIDS Day event to reflect on lessons learned and the path forward in the fight against HIV and AIDS in the United States and around the world. Ambassador Eric Goosby, U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator, spoke at the event, announcing new information regarding the number of people reached with HIV prevention, treatment, and care through the efforts of the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR). "For PEPFAR on this World AIDS Day, our theme is *Smart Investments, Building on Success*," Goosby said. "It describes what we are doing every day at PEPFAR. The smarter we are about the prevention, treatment and care we provide, the greater the number of lives we will save." [Full Text](#) | [President Obama's World AIDS Day Message](#) |

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## Ambassador-at-Large Melanne Vermeer hosts panel on the Elimination of Violence Against Women

**WASHINGTON, DC, Nov. 29** –Ambassador-at-Large for Global Women's Issues, Melanne Vermeer, hosted a panel discussion, *Changing Attitudes: What Men and Boys Can Do to Address and Prevent Violence Against Women*. The panel of experts spoke on the critical role of men and boys in addressing this global scourge and highlighted actions that governments, the private sector, and nongovernmental organizations are taking to address gender-based violence. The event supported the November 25 International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women and the observance of the accompanying 16 Days of Activism against gender-based violence. [More](#) | [Video](#) | [Remarks from Ambassador Vermeer](#) | ["16 Days" Campaign](#)

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